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| | | First Named Inventor | Felix Buechi |
| | | Examiner Name | Cantelmo, Gregg |
| | | Art Unit | 1745 |
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| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

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| Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent | 200 | 100 |
| Multiple dependent claims | 360 | 180 |

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Art Unit: 1745

Serial No.: 10/608,088

Examiner: Gregg Cantelmo

Filing Date: 06/30/2003

Atty. Docket: 2003P09049US

For: *Method and Apparatus for Humidification of the Membrane of a Fuel Cell*

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The Information Disclosure Statement lists a document (DE 199 21 007 C1) that is not in English. It relates to humidifying the membrane of a PEM fuel cell. The membranes of the membrane electrode assembly are humidified via gas channels incorporated in bipolar plates, which are clad with a fluid transporting capillary layer. This layer extends between a region in which the thermodynamic state of the gas is below the water saturation dew point and a region in which the thermodynamic state of the gas

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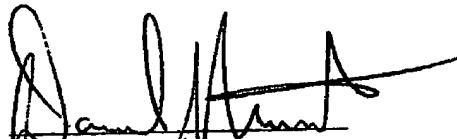
is above the dew point, for water condensation. A transfer of humidity is achieved along the porous layer.

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